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approaching Synod, the propriety of forever precluding any public danger, either of ministerial or foreign influence in the appointment of our prelates.

Resolved, That the enthusiastic gratitude of the Irish people is due to that youthful model of splendid genius and unrivalled talent, Charles Phillips, Esq. Barrister at Law.

Resolved, That the cordial gratitude of the Catholics of Ireland is due to George Lidwill, Esq. and the other enlightened Protestants who attended our meeting.

Resolved, That the resolutions of this day be published in the usual newspapers, as also in the Ulster Recorder, and Impartial Observer,

THOMAS WYSE, Chairman.
EDWARD HAY, Secretary.

RICHARD SHEIL, Esq. in the Chair.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Catholics of Ireland be given to Thomas Wyse, Esq. for his highly proper, talented, and dignified conduct in the Chair.

RICHARD SHEIL, Chairman.

MEETING OF CATHOLIC CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF DROMORE.

At a meeting of the Catholic Clergy of the Diocese of Dromore, assembled in Banbridge, on Monday, 23d May, 1814, the Very Reverend Hugh O'Kelly, Dean, in the Chair; a copy of the Rescript lately received from Rome, signed by the Vice Prefect, Quarantotti, having been read, it is Resolved—

That we feel the utmost surprise and concern, that the Sacred College at Rome could be induced, in the absence, and during the captivity of the Sovereign Pontiff, to attempt an *unprecedented innovation* on the discipline of the Catholic Church in Ireland. And whereas the principles laid down in this rescript could not be adopted with safety to religion in this country, and that they stand opposed not only to several decisions of our Bishops, but also to the recorded sentiments of the Sacred College itself in the year 1805—we do therefore without hesitation declare, that the authority of the said rescript cannot be binding on the Catholic Church in this country.

Resolved, That we cannot but lament that our religion, which teaches pure and conscientious loyalty, should still remain an object of suspicion, and that "securi-

ties" should be required of us, degrading to our character, and of which we cannot conceive the necessity, after the pledges that have been given. We further declare it to be our firm conviction, that any controul vested in the British Government on the appointment of our Prelates, would be inexpedient at all times, and ultimately become fatal to the cause of Catholicity in Ireland.

Resolved, That, adopting the sentiments of our venerable brethren in the Archdiocese of Diocese of Dublin, we declare it our opinion, "that such arrangements of domestic nomination can be made among the clergy of Ireland, with the consent of the Holy See, as will preclude that foreign influence against which those securities, so destructive to religion, are called for."

Resolved, That these our sentiments are submitted, respectfully to our revered Bishop, and the other Prelates now assembling in Maynooth. And we do here, in union with our flocks, and THE WHOLE PEOPLE, most earnestly implore that exalted Body, speedily to interpose their just influence with his Holiness, and the court of Rome, and by remonstrating against the principles and enactments of this document, to save Catholic religion in Ireland from the calamities with which it is threatened.

Resolved, That our warmest thanks are due, and are hereby given, to our much respected and venerable Prelate, the Right Reverend Dr. Derry, for his able and dignified reply to Dr. Poynter's late communication.

Resolved, That these our resolutions be inserted three times in the Ulster Recorder, and three times in the Dublin Evening Post.

The Dean having left the Chair, and the Rev. James McKey being called there-to;

Resolved, That our cordial thanks are due, and are hereby given, to the Very Reverend Dean O'Kelly, for his activity in convening this meeting, for his useful assistance, and very proper conduct in the Chair.

WESTMINSTER MEETING, MAY 20TH,
1814.

ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE REGENT.

The dutiful address of the Household-ers of the City and Liberties of Westminster.